



PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. MBHB02-013)

In the Application of:

Sharma, et al.

Serial No. 10/043,774

Filing Date: January 10, 2002

For: Human Hematopoietic Growth
Regulatory Gene and Uses

Before the Examiner:
Terry A. McKelvey

Group Art Unit: 1636

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
 - a. Response to Office Action Mailed December 18, 2003
 - b. Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132
 - c. Return Receipt Postcard
2. With respect to additional fees:
 - a. An additional fee of \$00.00 is required.
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4. Please charge any deficiency in the amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **13-2490**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 18, 2003

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2003, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments to the claims. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present the amendments to the claims at page 2. Remarks begin on page 5 of this response.